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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 0477

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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV LETTER ON ERW

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH COPY OF PRIME MINISTER
HALLGRIMSSON'S APRIL 5 RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV LETTER ON ENHANCED
RADIATION WEAPONS. TEXT OF ICELANDIC RESPONSE AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT: ESTEEMED MR. PRESIDENT: I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE
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THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER ON JANUARY 5, 1978, EXPRESSING YOUR
OPINION ON THE QUESTION OF THE PRODUCTION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS.

THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON NUCLEAR, NEUTRON
AND ALL OTHER ARMAMENTS IS WELL KNOWN. THE ICELANDIC PEOPLE
ARE BY TRADITION OPPOSED TO THE PRODUCTION, STORING AND DEPLOY-
MENT OF ALL INSTRUMENTS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, ICELAND

HAS JOINED HER ALLIES IN THE COMMON DEFENSIVE EFFORTS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR HER OWN SECURITY AND THAT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AREAS AS A WHOLE. ICELAND IS HOWEVER NOT A DIRECT PARTICIPANT IN THE MILITARY PLANNING AND DEFENSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLIANCE BEING UNARMED.

OUR POLICY AS REGARDS DISARMAMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS IN ALL FORA WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO REALISTIC AND COMPREHENSIVE DISARMAMENT IN THE WORLD. SUCH A GOAL WILL NEVER BE REACHED IF THE NUCLEAR POWERS DO NOT, WHICH WE FEEL IS THEIR DUTY, CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT IN ALL FIELDS OF DISARMAMENT.

I REPEAT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT ALL ENDEAVORS TO REACH UNIVERSAL PEACE AND DISARMAMENT. YOURS FAITHFULLY, GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND. END OF TEXT

2. ICELANDIC RESPONSE WAS GENERALLY ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN REFTTEL BUT WITH ADDITIONAL COMMENT THAT "ICELANDIC PEOPLE ARE BY TRADITION OPPOSED TO THE PRODUCTION, STORING AND DEPLOYMENT OF ALL INSTRUMENTS OF MASS DESTRUCTION".
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